

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation is the result of recommendations of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Telehealth Task Force in collaboration with other stakeholders from the health professions. It updates the Idaho Code Telehealth Care Act by changing the term "telehealth" to "virtual care," and it clarifies virtual care practice requirements. The bill expands the ability of Idaho citizens in rural and underserved areas to access health care from providers who are not physically present in a patient's geographical area. This legislation also establishes a virtual care advisory board to coordinate, plan, and conduct outreach to increase utilization of virtual care in Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare estimates annual personnel costs of \$21,250 and operating costs of \$4,000 for administration of the virtual care advisory board.

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